

of Homeland Security; and William Borchardt, Executive Director for Operations, Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

#### **PRESIDENT'S FISCAL YEAR 2014 BUDGET: ADMINISTRATION PRIORITIES FOR THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing entitled "The President's Fiscal Year 2014 Budget: Administration Priorities for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency". Testimony was heard from Nancy Stoner, Acting Administrator, Office of Water, Environmental Protection Agency; and Mathy Stanislaus, Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Environmental Protection Agency.

#### **EXAMINATION OF VA'S SPECIAL INITIATIVE TO PROCESS RATING CLAIMS PENDING OVER TWO YEARS**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Expediting Claims or Exploiting Statistics?" An Examination of VA's Special Initiative to Process Rating Claims Pending Over Two Years. Testimony was heard from Allison A. Hickey, Under Secretary for Benefits, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

#### **ONGOING INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES**

*House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Ongoing Intelligence Activities." This was a closed hearing.

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### *Joint Meetings*

#### **ECONOMIC OUTLOOK**

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the current economic outlook, after receiving testimony from Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2013**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### **Senate**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for various agencies within the Department of Agriculture, 10 a.m., SD-124.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Penny Pritzker, of Illinois, to be Secretary of Commerce, 11 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine the extraction of gas from shale, focusing on current practices within the industry and environmental concerns to be addressed, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Allison M. Macfarlane, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 9 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine United States-European Union economic relations, focusing on crisis and opportunity, 10 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on the Efficiency and Effectiveness of Federal Programs and the Federal Workforce, to hold hearings to examine improving Federal health care in rural America, focusing on developing the workforce and building partnerships, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider the nominations of Patricia E. Campbell-Smith, of the District of Columbia, and Elaine D. Kaplan, of the District of Columbia, both to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, and Charles R. Breyer, of California, Rachel Elise Barkow, of New York, and William H. Pryor, Jr., of Alabama, all to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Derek Anthony West, of California, to be Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice, and Valerie E. Caproni, of the District of Columbia, and Vernon S. Broderick, both to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, 10:30 a.m., SD-226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

#### **House**

*Committee on Armed Services,* Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, markup on H.R. 1960, the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014", 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Readiness, markup on H.R. 1960, the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014", 10:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Examining Drug Compounding”, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, markup on H.R. 2052, the “Global Investment in American Jobs Act of 2013”, 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing on discussion drafts of the following legislation: H.R. 1135, the “Burdensome Data Collection Act”; H.R. 1105, the “Small Business Capital Access and Job Preservation Act”; and H.R. 1564, the “Audit Integrity and Job Protection Act”; and legislation regarding Section 913 of the Dodd-Frank Act, 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, hearing entitled “U.S.-Mexico Security Cooperation: An Overview of the Merida Initiative 2008–Present”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on The Constitution and Civil Justice, hearing on H.R. 1797, the “District of Columbia Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on H.R. 255, to amend certain definitions contained in the Provo River Project Transfer Act for purposes of clarifying certain property descriptions, and for other purposes; H.R. 745, to reauthorize the Water Desalination Act of 1996; and H.R. 1963, “Bureau of Reclamation Conduit Hydropower Development Equity and Jobs Act”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, Subcommittee on Environment, hearing entitled “Restoring U.S. Leadership in Weather Forecasting”, 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce, hearing entitled “Building America: Challenges for Small Construction Contractors”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing on the President’s and Other Bipartisan Entitlements Reform Proposals, 9:30 a.m., B–318 Rayburn.

*House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Ongoing Intelligence Activities”, 8:30 a.m., HVC–304. This is a closed hearing.